



11 October at Arlington **Augusta alumni to lay wreath at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**

In a salute to all AMA alumni killed in all our nation's wars, the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association will place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday 11 October.

Alumni Association President **Goodloe Saunders**, '57, will lead a contingent of 4 AMA men forward to lay the wreath in a ceremony which will begin at 2 PM. The guard is changed precisely at that hour, and the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of the Tomb Guard will explain the significance of the ceremony, announcing that AMA is placing a wreath at the spot where lie unknown servicemen from World Wars I and II, the Korean War, and Vietnam.

Harry Campbell, '70, who arranged the honor for AMA, says that a bugler will sound taps at the moment the wreath is placed at the base of the tomb. All Augusta alumni and friends are



invited and will have a place of honor on the center steps of the Arlington Amphitheater directly in front of the tomb itself. Those who wish to attend should meet at the Arlington National Cemetery Visitor Center no later than 1 PM for the walk to the tomb site. Automobiles are not allowed inside the cemetery grounds, but if there are alumni or friends who are not able to walk to the tomb, a special vehicle pass can be issued upon advance request to Campbell's office.

Board to meet

Saunders announced that the AMA Alumni Association Board will meet at 10 AM on Saturday 11 October at the Arlington Inn (Best Western) located on Interstate 395 on the Virginia side of the 14th Street Bridge which connects the District of Columbia and Virginia. All alumni are invited to attend. Following the board meeting, those in attendance will travel to Arlington National Cemetery for the wreath laying ceremony. (See **Board** on page 11) Business attire is not required, but national cemetery regulations prohibit the wearing of jeans, halter tops, and the like. No speeches or placards are permitted on the cemetery grounds.

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schedule on page 11**

Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.

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Dear Fellow Alumnus:

This is my first letter to you as President of the AMA Alumni Association, Inc. I am extremely grateful to my predecessor **Gary Nicholson, '70**, who made the transition so painless and easy. He and his fellow officers are owed our most sincere thanks for all they accomplished during Gary's presidency.

I have said that I want us to think about two new programs in the year ahead: remembering Augusta in our wills and bequests, and taking advantage of a bequest we already have received to get an AMA Museum open and operating. As you know from reading the last few issues of *The Bayonet*, the Alumni Association has received a gift totalling about \$30,000 with the proviso that the money can only be used for a building of some sort. A judge is overseeing the distribution of the estate and the only way we can spend this money is on bricks and mortar.

It seems a wise course of action to take advantage of this generous bequest to get a museum in place. We have so many invaluable and irreplaceable objects and records. Many of our alumni have offered to donate uniforms, sabers, yearbooks, and other Augusta memorabilia once we get a museum in operation.

We will be discussing the creation and location of an Augusta Military Academy museum at our next AMA Alumni Association Board meeting on Saturday 11 October. Every AMA alumnus and friend is invited to this meeting to hear and join in the discussion. More details on the time and place of this important meeting will be found on page 11.

See you there! And then we can all attend the AMA wreath laying ceremony at Arlington Cemetery.

Goodloe Saunders, '57

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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Letters to the editor

Scholarship winner

I would like to thank you all for your support in granting me the 1996 AMA Legacy Scholarship. I never had the opportunity to attend Augusta, obviously, but I have always admired AMA and its graduates.

For years people have told me that I'd get so many scholarships because of my strong academic record and my 1540 SAT, but that just isn't true. I will enter the University of Virginia this month in the field of computer science, with no financial aid.

I was just accepted as a Rodman Scholar in the School of Engineering; this is a special honor given to only 35 of the 470 first-year engineering students.



David Karlsson Click

Thanks again! I deeply appreciate the trust you have placed in me. I will do everything I can to make you proud of having given me this generous scholarship.

David Karlsson Click
son of Edwin F. Click, '50

Livicks write

A wonderful weekend at the 1996 reunion! We thank all for the wonderful tribute to the Roller and Livick families.

I love my tray with its dedication to my grandfather and Mal loves the clock given to him by the alumni association. Both always will have a special place in our home and in our hearts. Thank you so much!

Linda Roller Livick

1931

Birch Grawl says he stays busy 8-10 hours a day keeping up with his 4 acres in Glen Mills, PA. The father of his new neighbor across the street is the brother of **George Chandler**, '50.

1935

Julian Quarles and **George Adam**, roommates in 1934-35, have reconnected, thanks to help from **Ed Click**, '50. Ed, keeper of the AMA mailing list, got the old friends back together. In World War II, Julian was in Europe and George was in the Pacific. Both won 2 Silver Stars, 2 Bronze Stars and 2 Purple Hearts. Julian was a POW of the Germans.

1939

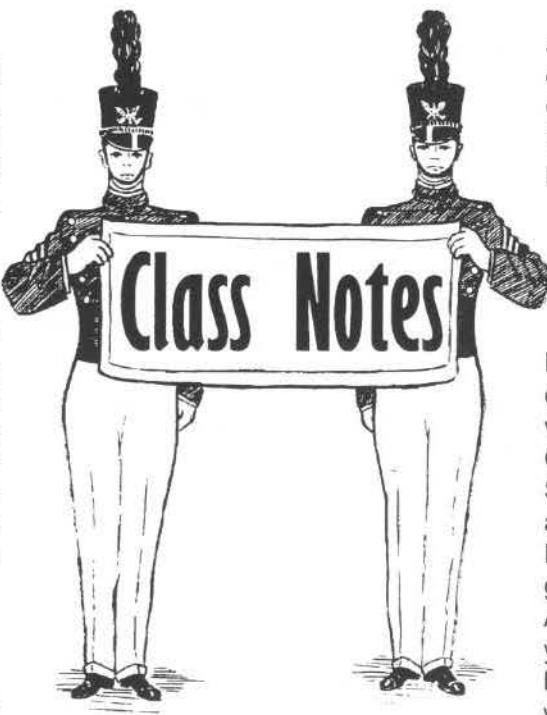
Mickey Gordon and **John Herring**, '47, attended a University of Virginia Cornerstone Society luncheon together in Charlottesville this summer. Herring recently returned from a visit of London.

1942

Bill Walsh is a contractor in the Frederick, Wheaton and Gaithersburg, MD area. Bill spent 38 months overseas with the 128th AACG Group of the Air Force during World War II.

1943

Tom Stanley retired as director of the Mead Corporation and a number of other corporations in April of this year. He was Chairman, President and CEO of the Stanley Furniture Company until 1974 (Stanley and Mead merged in 1969). A week after leaving AMA in 1943, Tom entered VMI where continuous classes were conducted all through World War II. This year, he attended the 50th anniversary of the VMI Class of '47. 48 years ago, he married Ruth Barnes whose 3 brothers all graduated from Augusta. They have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. The Stanleys spend time each winter with **Jack Jansing**, '43, in Hobe Sound, FL, and they attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of **Frank Vass**, '43, and Eloise in Galax, VA in July.



1945

Frank Pursel went in the Army Air Corps after Augusta, and later graduated from college in New York State. He owned and operated an orchard and had 2 sons, one an Annapolis graduate and the other a graduate of Slippery Rock. Frank is now retired and is into golf, woodworking, and surfing the net.

Curtis Burt is in his second career as a real estate agent in North Carolina



Three from the '30's - **Mickey Gordon**, '39; **Ben Chiswell**, '32; and **Julian Quarles**, '35 at the 1997 AMA alumni reunion. (Photo by **Bob Harris**, '54)

and Virginia. In 1982, he retired as an engineer with NASA. After AMA, Curtis served in the Navy Amphibious Forces in the Pacific, and was preparing for the invasion of Japan when the atomic bombs ended World War II. Curtis' e-mail address: cburtjr@bellatlantic.net

1947

Bill Sumner retired in July as Director of the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, and has moved to Columbus, OH. He had taught at Ohio State for 18 years previously, and was an archaeologist in Iran before that. Bill attended VMI for a year, then graduated from the US Naval Academy. He served in the Navy 12 years, reaching the grade of lieutenant commander. His senior year at AMA, he was the Captain of Headquarters Company.

Wilson Harrell visited AMA with his wife on the weekend of the annual reunion. Wilson runs Hobby Loads, a model train business in Newport News. Our thanks to **H.L. "Bud" McCawley**, '43, for this bit of news.

1948

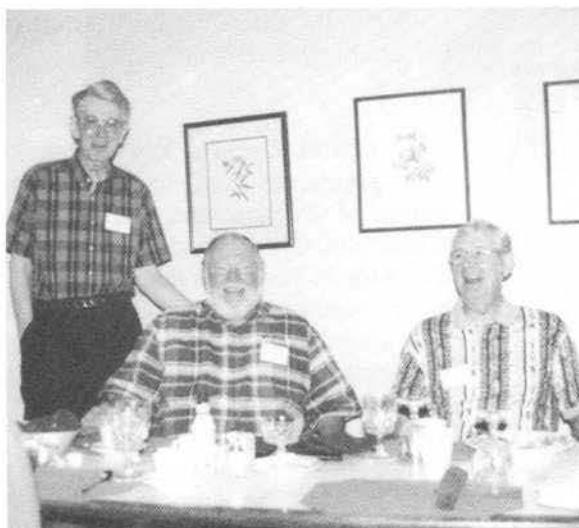
Richard McLaughlin went to London in July for the 50th wedding anniversary of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. He attended the Royal Pageant of the Horse, the largest such equestrian event held in the last 200 years. Even the Charge of the Light Brigade was recreated. In June, Richard attended a reunion of A Troop of the 106th Cavalry, his unit in World War II.

Bill Harris' long search for his 1947-48 roommate in #5 in the Tower has ended. It turns out that **Carter Wood** had changed his last name to Sullivan. Thanks to **Hal Walters**, '48, and his computer, Bill and Carter finally reconnected this summer. Carter lives in Virginia Beach with his wife Pat.

1949

Gray Kinnie lives in Hilton Head, SC. He and **Jim Pigg** graduated

from West Point in 1953, and Gray went into the Signal Corps. 21 years and 30 countries later, plus post grad work at Columbia, he retired and joined IBM as a software engineer.



Former First Captain John Morris, '49, standing, joins Bill Harris, '48 and Harry May, '47, at the *Ad Astra* breakfast at the 1997 reunion.

Gray was widowed, and remarried in 1986, building their dream home at Hilton Head. "I'll be back for my 50th reunion for sure," says Gray.

Bill Dickinson attended the 7th grade at Augusta, then came back to complete his last two years of high school. He attended VMI and graduated from Gettysburg College. Bill spent 25 years in the Army, retiring as a lieutenant colonel in 1979. He then worked for a decade as administrator of a women's college in Pennsylvania.

Chuck Pine got out of the automobile business in 1975 and has been in real estate in Winchester since. He missed this year's AMA reunion since it was the weekend of the Cherry Blossom Festival, known to every AMA cadet. "I have been a member of Kiwanis for 41 years, and we have lots to do during the Cherry Blossom Festival," Chuck says. He also has been married to Jean for 41 years, and they have a daughter, Kim Burke, and 2 grandchildren. Thanks for your generous contribution to the Alumni Association, Chuck!

1950

Ed Click teaches at a Virginia correctional institution near his Fort Defiance home. "I go to jail every day and come home every night." Ed spent 20 years in the Army, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. After teaching for a while in Florida, Ed and his family returned to Fort Defiance in 1983.

1951

Bob Sayre has retired from engineering management after 34 years with Dupont. He attended Virginia Tech after AMA, and goes to Orlando every year to play golf. (Careful! He's a 3.5 handicap!) Bob has 5 boys and a girl, "and when I can't play golf, I practice hard to improve my game."

1953

John Fox wanted to attend the 1997 reunion, but his 40th reunion at Washington and Lee was on the same weekend. "Next year will be the 45th anniversary of my graduation from Augusta, and I plan to be in touch with **Lew Mundin, Tommy Simmons and Alex Wattay** about getting a big turnout for our class next year."

Bob Harris started his own printing company and 25 years ago sold it to an investment banking firm. He remains as Vice President and Director of General Services. Bob attended the University of Maryland and the University of Hartford, with a 2 year Army tour in between. Bob lives in Connecticut now, "but I plan to return to the good old South when I retire soon."

1954

John T. Bell was among two dozen "community heroes" chosen to relay the Olympic Torch last year. John, an attorney, carried the torch for one kilometer in June of '96 between Annapolis and Washington, DC. Over the last 3 decades, Bell has restored 5 old buildings in Rockville. It is estimated that he has spent \$600,000

4th Pulitzer nomination for Izenberg

Jerry Izenberg, '47, has just received his 4th nomination for a Pulitzer Prize in sports writing.

For the last 36 years, Jerry has done sports reporting for the Newark Star-Ledger. For 10 years before that, he worked for the late New York *Herald Tribune*. Not incidentally, he was the Sports Editor of *The Bayonet* some 50 years ago.

Last May, he was inducted into the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame together with Bill Parcells, Rosey Grier, and others. A plaque honoring Jerry was hung in the lobby of the Continental Airlines Arena.

The New Jersey Playwrights Theater did a public reading of what Jerry calls "my first and only play, and several repertory companies have expressed interest in producing it."

Jerry and Aileen have a "great marriage, 4 children, and 3 grandchildren with a 4th on the way." They live in Neptune, NJ.

He says that **Colonel Glenn Koogler** "had much to do with my decision to be a writer, and I thank him for that."

of his own money on historical restoration. "I'm flattered and humble that I was included in the Olympic Torch relay," said Bell.

1956

Bill Babione is on staff at the University of Arkansas Law School. Bill attended GW after Augusta and spent 20 years in the Air Force. He retired to Northwest Arkansas ("similar to Virginia," he says), started a cattle operation, and attended law school. Bill says he's "been married to the same woman, and intend to remain so, unless Linda breaks up with Mal." Bill has two sons, one an Air Force pilot and the other a beer wholesaler.

Walter Withers owns Withers Industries in Mt. Pleasant, SC, employing 40 people to produce custom shutters and millwork. Walter went into the Navy after Augusta, being honorably discharged in 1960. He married Ardra in 1961 and they have 4 children. e-mail: nizwee@aol.com. Walter's homepage: <http://historic.com/withers>

1957

Steve Rodgers is now vice president of Contractors Precast Corporation in Davidsonville, MD.

George Snyder, Jr. is retired and lives in Charlotte. He's been married twice and has 2 sons. **Luke Snyder**, '60, is his brother.

1958

Alex Ackerman has lived in Orlando for the last 18 years where he works with an engineering concern. "I have worked for 8 engineering companies, gotten 2 Masters degrees, a wife, 5 children, 6 grandchildren, 7 years with cancer, and 2 new artificial hips... I was in the Anchorage earthquake, Hurricane Agnes in Virginia, and the Buffalo blizzards of 1976-77. I've lived or worked in just about every state in the Union, plus I've lived in Mexico and Canada..."

1959

Keene Byrd owns Byrd Enterprises in Charlottesville, an electronic access control and photo identification company serving both government and private industry. He also heads a company that produces software for 2Dcode and the readers that interpret that code.

Fred Evans retired from the FBI after 25 years of service in 1994. He spent 5 years in the Army including having been an infantry company commander in Vietnam. Fred and his family live in Blaine, TN.



Part of the Saturday night banquet crowd, 3 May 1997, AMA Annual Alumni Reunion

1960

Luke Snyder spent 7 years at AMA, starting out in the Junior School. After college, he was in the Army, then went into the family soft drink business. He later turned his hobby of restoring MGs into a business, and after 10 years of that went into real estate management. He's been married for 30 years and has 3 kids.

John Atkinson is the City Treasurer in Virginia Beach.

1961

Richard Connor is a US Airways Captain and lives in Atlanta with his wife Jane. He was with TWA from 1969 until 1982, and with Piedmont and US Air since 1983. His son Ian is a VMI graduate who played football 4 years and was sports editor of the school paper. Daughter Kate graduated from the College of Charleston, daughter Kerry graduated from Marquette, and son Liam just finished his rat year at VMI with a 3.74 average. Richard's e-mail address: Smfibear@aol.com

Andy Caceres lives in Commerce Township, MI. He has 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren. e-mail Andy at: aacr1@juno.com

1962

Ray Kerlin is Government Contract Administrator for Snap-on Tools. He, his wife Trudy, and their 13 year old daughter live in Virginia Beach year round.

Doug Bair works at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News. For 10 years, he was a contract engineer and before that, Doug worked for General Electric. He attended Lowell Technological Institute in Lowell, MA before joining the Army for a 3 year stint. Doug has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren, all living in Massachusetts. His e-mail address: blair@cebaf.gov

Paul Taliaferro is an engineering services manager with a communications electronics firm near Baltimore. He has been married since 1965 and he has 5 children, the youngest being 19 years old.

Darryl Mizer is a psychologist in private practice in Sarasota, Fl. He and Joyce have been married 31 years and have 2 children. Carol graduated from the University of Florida this past June, and David attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

1963

Bruce Wilson is in the telecommunications department of Georgetown University. He and his wife Jeanne live in Churchton, MD, some 15 miles from Annapolis on the Chesapeake Bay. They have a 25 year old daughter who lives in Colorado Springs.

Bud Coslop owns and operates a Ramada Inn near Hammonton, NJ.

Ray Sanchez says his oldest daughter wants to attend the Air Force Academy and become a fighter pilot while his other daughter "has her eye on Harvard Medical School, so I am asking for donations..."

Denny Kiick owns a gift and souvenir business in Port St. Lucie, FL.

John Wright is with the Army Training Support Center, Combat Training Support Directorate, at Fort Eustis, VA. He served in the Army until 1986, worked with the Army Aviation Logistics School, then was assistant manager for the HUMMER multipurpose vehicle project. John is a member of the Instrumentation Team, responsible for defining the Army Combat Training Center modernization efforts in support of Force 21.

Rick Cazenave, Jr. is a senior systems engineer in Newport News following 20 years as a US Navy pilot. Rick graduated from Annapolis in 1967, UFW in 1971 and NPG in 1979. He has 3 sons - 2 of them grown and the youngest only 9. "I'll be working well into the next millennium."

Vic Adamus has been in real estate the last 14 years in Merritt Island, FL. "I managed to go into poverty putting 2 kids through private college: Rebecca at DePaul in Chicago and Jon at Rollins in Winter Park." e-mail: RJST88A@prodigy.com

1964

Don Harris runs his own business in Southern California managing aquatic facilities and training lifeguards and pool operators. He attended VMI,

Cullen Virginia Attorney General

Richard Paul Cullen, '67, became Virginia's 39th Attorney General on 12 June following his appointment by Virginia Governor George Allen. Cullen succeeds fellow Republican James Gilmore who resigned to campaign for governor.

Cullen was raised in Staunton and was a day boy at AMA. Prior to his appointment as Attorney General, he was a partner in the Richmond law firm McGuire, Woods, Battle and Boothe.

In 1987, he was Special Counsel to the Senate Iran-Contra investigation. He also is former US Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. He graduated from Furman in 1971 and from the T.C. Williams Law School at the University of Richmond.

served in Vietnam, and relocated to California. Don is married, has 2 children, and a 3rd is due in January.

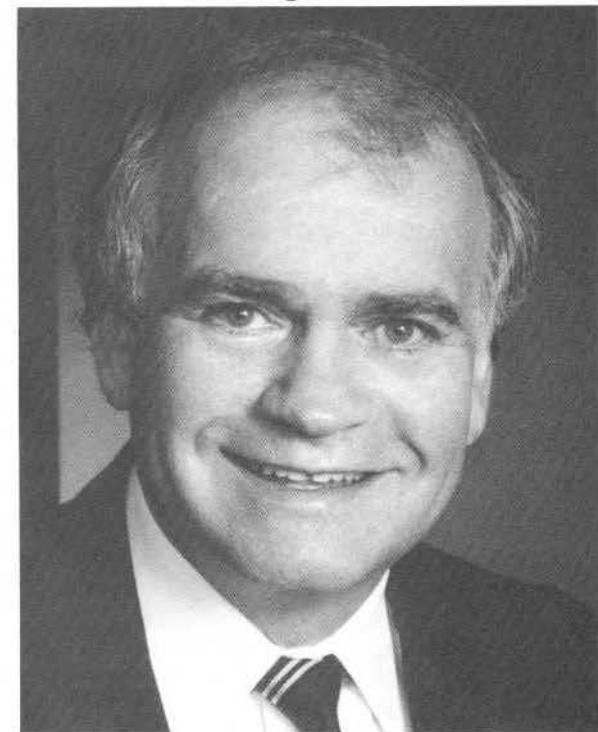
Jim Kilgour works at the Veterans Administration Hospital in New Orleans where he is renovating a 100 year old house. He says, "I was the guy in CW Company who played the bagpipes, and got in lots of trouble."

Phil Silverman lives in Flintstone, GA with his wife Dot and his son Gene. Phil has been with K-Mart for 25 years. e-mail: DLiver7165@aol.com

1966

Ernie Greene and his accommodating wife spend many weekends refighting the Civil War, visiting Virginia's famous battlefields. Ernie works for the Fairfax County School System.

Carl Rossman was an Air Force pilot for 24 years before retiring from active duty. He is now with Jay Automotive Specialties in Berlin, PA contracting with the government to furnish auto parts support. Carl is married and has



Richard Paul Cullen, '67
Virginia's 39th Attorney General

2 children. His son studies civil engineering at Pitt and his daughter is a rising high school senior.

Paul Eich is building a semiconductor manufacturing facility 45 miles east of Bangkok, Thailand. He has been in Thailand since January of 1996, having worked in Taiwan and Singapore with Texas Instruments.

Frank McClung is a guidance counsellor in Roanoke and has "been doing standup comedy as a side dish since 1988." He and his beautiful Suzanne married in 1983.

1967

David Raybin spent 6 years at AMA as a day boy. He attended law school at Tennessee, was Assistant District Attorney for 10 years, and has been in private practice the last 12 years in Nashville.

Rick Smail is a Delta Airlines 727 Captain, based in Salt Lake City. He and Mary Ann have 3 boys, all born while the Smalls lived in Chicago. Rick flew 1400 hours of combat

missions in Vietnam, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star, plus 44 Air Medals!

Carlos and Cesar Lacayo have continued in their family's export/import business in Nicaragua. Carlos recently had lunch in Miami with **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**. The Lacayos plan to attend the next AMA reunion May 1-2, 1998. Jorge and his wife visited the Lacayos in Nicaragua in August.

1968

Robb McDougle is an architectural designer in New York City. He is married for a second time, has 2 sons and a granddaughter.

1969

Larry Reed is Director of the Trauma Center and Surgical Intensive Care Units at Duke University Medical Center. He recently was on a field trip to visit Baptist Hospital in Miami, and had dinner with **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, and Jorge's wife Kiki.

Rex Rumley missed his 30th anniversary reunion because he was back in school studying microcomputing at Columbus State Community College.

Joe Wenzel plans to marry Shirley "Sam" Barr on 7 October in Key West. They attended the '97 AMA reunion together. Joe's daughter got married back in April and one of the attendees was **Will Eastment, '70**.

Gordon Cox is recovering from cancer at home in Rocky Mount, VA. He lives with his wife of 17 years, Mary Jo. Address: 215 Windsor Drive, Rocky Mount, VA 24151. Phone 540/489-4206.

Victor Gomez lives in Alexandria and is an account rep with Cleartel Communications. He returned to the

Dominican Republic after AMA, then came back to Virginia to attend hotel school. After 13 years in the DR as resident manager of a beach resort and cage manager at a casino, he once more returned to Virginia for his current position. e-mail Victor at: vgomez@SMTP.cgxtelecom.com

ing to Houston. Joe's wife of 22 years teaches school and they have 2 daughters - one a junior at the University of Texas and the other a high school junior.

Lee Hall has been found! (He didn't know that he was missing apparently) Lee's family owned and operated the Coca Cola bottling plant in Tangier. The King of Morocco¹ nationalized the plant in 1982 and Lee has been in the import/export business since. He plans to move back to the US soon with his wife Souda and their 3 children. In the meantime, you can contact "Jungle Bunny" through his brother James Hall at 202/543-2338.

Bill "B. J." d'Orsay is operations manager at a Christian book store in Lubbock, TX. He has a degree in management information systems from Texas Tech and has worked the past few years as a computer programmer/analyst.

Jeff Wenzel's wife Lyn was promoted recently to be Principal of Booth Middle School in Peachtree City, GA. Jeff had dinner with **Mike Sisak, '71**, early in the summer in Newport, RI where Mike teaches chemistry at the Naval Academy Prep School. Later, he met **Keith May, '70**, for a renewal of friendship dinner in Detroit. Keith is the brother of **Rick May, '63**, and **Jack May, '68**. Jeff and Lyn went to Alaska in July and stayed at a bed and breakfast in Wasilla owned by **Harvey Bowers, '69**.

Nicky Syropoulos has become Mister Donut in Baltimore. Actually, his new company is Montgomery Donut and Nick is the new wholesale man for grocery stores, hotels, and the like. Keep your eye on the donut, and not on the hole, Nick! And he's in yet another movie - *Species II*. He plays the part of a lab technician. The director wanted him to shave his moustache, but Nick declined.

1970

Joe Gallehugh operates a regional advertising agency in Houston. After getting a BA in journalism from NC State, he was a reporter and regional correspondent in North Carolina. He worked in advertising and marketing with DuPont for 7 years before mov-

Don Gable now lives in Key West, FL where he went to work for the Navy this past May. After graduating from Pitt, he received a masters degree

¹ The King of Morocco, Amr Hassan, attended SMA in the late '40's.



25 years after leaving AMA, the Class of 1972! L. to r., Lewis Kennett, Steve Pearson, David McCulloch, Blaine Clarke, Steve Traylor, Brian McCabe, Willis Walker and Stride Coleman.

from Carnegie-Mellon in 1985. He was with the government until 1993, spent a short time with a Pittsburgh company and had his own security business for a time.

Will Eastment came back to the reunion from Kennesaw, GA. Will's e-mail address is: wm2east@aol.com

Jim Piersall is the Chief Pilot for Arbie Aircraft Charters in Hyannis, MA. He flies to all destinations in New England plus New York State, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Washington, DC

Bob Mitchell is in the fire service and lives in Erie, PA with his wife, Kathy, and their children Megan, 10, and Robbie, Jr., 6. "I talk with the *Lethaby* twins now and then... and chatted with **Bob Ridgeway**, 62, recently."

1971

Rich Maschak was surprised to hear that **Tim Cooper**, '72, is in Saudi Arabia with Saudi Consolidated Electric. "I have been to Saudi 5 times since 1991. I wish I had known that Tim was there. What a treat it would have been to see him working the camels and the belly dancers!" Rick lives in Poquoson, VA. e-mail: maschak@erols.com

Dave Hodges had back surgery in June, and is doing nicely, according to his our correspondent and his brother-in-law, **Willy Walker**.

Joe Berman is living in Northern Virginia where his two boys - Jacob, 6, and Jesse, 4 - reside. He has been vice president and general manager of a computer company in Virginia Beach, and has just accepted an offer from Circuit City to be based either in Richmond or the Tidewater area. Which one? Try e-mailing Joe at: Joe.Berman@aol.com



Guard duty - Theresa and Rob Harris, '78, and Keith Sterling, '76, in the courtyard at Big Barracks.

1972

Steve Pearson has been searching for lost alumni and for AMA memorabilia that might be gathering dust in an antique shop somewhere. In his quest, he contacted a shop called Fields of Glory in Gettysburg, PA. It turns out that Fields is owned by **Dwight Van Nitz**, '74, and that Dwight had just sold a 1940's AMA overcoat to **Warren Tocherman**, '72.

Dr. Richard Whitaker is running 3 veterinary practices in New England. Wit and his wife of 2 years live in Turner, ME. "We're trying to enlarge



Billie and Rodgers Huff, '50, met many old friends at the May reunion.

our family," he says. "As time goes by, I have begun to realize how much AMA did for me."

Don Malnati and his son went backpacking on the Appalachian Trail for two weeks in June.

Chris Hart missed the reunion because he was in a bowling tournament in Pennsylvania. He is a 190 average bowler and a 10 handicap golfer. He has owned his own contracting business in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, DC for the past 15 years.

Doug Pennock lives in Puerto Rico where he and a partner run the largest wholesale nursery in the Caribbean (the company trades on

NASDAQ). Doug and his wife of 20 years, Trudy, were on vacation in July and August. They stopped by Miami where Doug played golf with **Jorge Rovirosa**, '70, then the Pennocks travelled crosscountry to Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia. Doug is the son of **Chuck Pennock**, '48.

Reed Nettles is now living in Arizona. He just returned from Hong Kong. e-mail address: MCA1VP@aol.com

1973

Billy Sturgis is President of East Shore Beverage Distributors on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. He also is in the music business and has a small record label. Billy's e-mail address: warehouse@esva.net

1974

Doug Yokois lives at 4 Carole Court, Severna Park, MD 21146-3615. e-mail: dyokois@yolks.com

Paul Cartwright got married in May and honeymooned in the Bahamas, Fort Lauderdale and Washington, DC. He lives in Los Angeles and works for the *LA Times*.



Rick Smail, '67, and his wife Mary Ann rented a bike in Washington, DC and came to the 1997 reunion on 2 wheels. The Smails live in Park City, UT where Rick is a Delta Airlines captain. Photo by Bob Harris, '54.

Mike Bruder says that he and his wife Sabra "thoroughly enjoyed the 1997 reunion. It was great meeting **Gary Nicholson, Bob Bradford** and **Hal Walters** who made us feel like a million dollars!" The Bruders live in Northern Indiana where Mike is a drill instructor at the state's only juvenile boot camp.

1975

Felix Montes lives in Guatemala, but has a US mailing address: 14431 SW 168 Terra, Miami, FL 33177. e-mail: femco@infovia.com.gt

1976

Kirk Pope is stationed in Okinawa with the 1st Special Forces Group. Kirk injured his back in Guam in an airborne exercise 18 months ago and is still recovering. "I have been married 3 times and have 2 children... I haven't found the right woman who will put up with me!" e-mail Kirk at: popekj@ii-okinawa.ne.jp

Roger Mullis is a surgical technician in Palm Springs, CA. e-mail Roger at:

Dropin2313@aol.com

1978

Dr. Adolfo M. Solorzano gives us his address: 12200 SW 100 Street, Miami, FL 33186. e-mail address: pcamia@netside.net

David Halsman says he is "glad to finally get back on the Bayonet mailing list... I have such fond memories of AMA." e-mail David at: power1up@aol.com

1979

Steve Williamson lives in Salisbury, NC. "I am married with 3 great kids, but they are all 4-legged!" Steve has attended the last 2 reunions and hopes more interest can be generated "by those of my generation" in attending future AMA reunions. He looks for a big '79 turnout in '99!

Ed Iskow has been a consultant to the airline industry for the past 2 years. He lives in Richmond with his wife of 10 years, Cyndy, and their two children: Rachel, 3, and Joseph, 1.



Jim Starnes, '50, chats with Colonel Livick at the reunion. Jim led an effort to reopen AMA which earned him the gratitude of every friend of Augusta.

CORRECTION: In the June Bayonet, the incorrect address was listed for **Bill Gray, '37**, the AMA Alumni Association Chaplain. Bill's correct address is: William E. Gray, Jr., Apartment 107, 5111 - 8th Road South, Arlington, VA 22204. Bill's wife's name is Betty Ellen Gray. We sincerely regret these errors.

1981

Todd Livick has just been promoted to the rank of major. He's been reassigned from Fort Bragg to Fort Eustis. New address: 2772 Fergusson Circle, Fort Eustis, VA 23604. e-mail: atlivick@aol.com

1983

Jaime Eduardo Gomez is one of the guys recently found by **Steve Pearson, '72**. Jaime's address is: Avenue Pedro A. Rivera, Servicentro El Triangulo, La Vega, Dominican Republic. e-mail: diablo@emails.com

Rafael Bonnelly is President and Publisher of Inter-American Media Corporation, a custom publishing house in the Dominican Republic. His first job was at age 10 at his family's 105 year old newspaper in the Dominican Republic. See his homepage at: <http://www.nando.net/prof/caribe/>

1984

Chris Meeks says he had a "great time at the Reunion. I felt welcome... part of the family. I haven't had that

feeling since my days at AMA." Chris has a homepage that alumni will want to see: <http://www.con2.com/~sooner>

1985

Scott Cole serves on the *Blue Ridge*, homeported in Japan. He was on deployment for much of the summer.

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In a few short months in the Shenandoah Valley, Stonewall Jackson rewrote the military history books. America's military strategy has never been the same since!

Up and down the Valley Pike - past where AMA would one day be built - Jackson's small force defeated a series of converging enemy armies. David Martin tells the story in stunning and spellbinding words!

A COPY OF THIS BOOK CAN BE YOURS IF YOU CAN ANSWER THIS QUESTION!

The original academic building at AMA was built in 1909. What was the Big Room used for over its first 20 years?

Send your answer to The Bayonet. FAX to: 510 / 838-0928

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DEADLINE: October 10, 1997

In the case of a tie, a drawing will determine the winner. 2nd and 3rd prizes: an official AMA Alumni Association patch!

Winners of last Bayonet contest
Question: Who was the first president of the AMA Alumni Association, Inc., elected in 1970?

Answer: The late Parker Ward, 54
WINNERS: Bob Hume, 63
Bob Harris, 54

Each will receive an official AMA Alumni patch

Arlington National Cemetery: final home to our heroes

Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God

- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Tomb of the Unknowns

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (also known as the Tomb of the Unknowns) is an 80-ton block of white marble containing the unidentified remains of servicemen from World Wars I and II, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The Tomb is guarded 24 hours a day by soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division based at nearby Fort Myer, Virginia. Immediately following the Changing of the Guard (which takes place precisely at 2 PM on Saturday 11 October), AMA Alumni President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, will lead an Augusta contingent forward to place a wreath at the Tomb.

Hotel accommodations for Arlington

Special hotel accommodations and rates are available for AMA alumni and friends coming in from out of town for the 11 October AMA Alumni Board meeting and/or the Arlington Cemetery ceremonies. The Arlington Inn and Towers (Best Western) is offering a special AMA rate of \$89 a night, plus tax, double or single, for Friday night 10 October. *We have guaranteed that AMA alumni and friends will occupy at least 10 rooms on Friday night. This will not only guarantee the special \$89 rate, but the Inn will give us a room for the Board meeting.* The Inn has free shuttle service to and from the Metro station and National Airport.

To make a reservation, phone 1/800/426-6886. **Mention AMA to get the special rate!** Reservations should be made no later than 11 September to guarantee availability and the special \$89 AMA rate!

DIRECTIONS TO THE ARLINGTON INN AND TOWERS (BEST WESTERN):

Traveling North on I-95: Take I-395 North to Exit 7B. At second traffic light, turn left, then another quick left into hotel lot.

Traveling East on I-66: Take I-495 South (the Beltway) to I-395 North to Exit 7B. At second traffic light, turn left, then another quick left into hotel lot.

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From Washington, DC: Take 14th Street South to I-395 South to Exit 7. At first traffic light, turn right. At next traffic light, turn left, then another quick left into hotel lot.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11 October 1997

- 10 AM - AMA Alumni Association Board
Arlington Inn (Best Western)
- Noon - Shuttle to Metro; Metro to
Arlington National Cemetery
- 1 PM - Meet at Arlington Cemetery
Visitor Center; walk to Tomb
- 2 PM - Changing of the Guard followed
immediately by wreath laying

AMA Board to meet morning of Arlington Cemetery ceremony

AMA Alumni Association President **Goodloe Saunders**, '57, has called a meeting of the AMA Alumni Board for 10 AM on Saturday 11 October at the Arlington Inn and Towers (Best Western) on the Virginia side of the 14th Street Bridge just off Interstate 395. All AMA alumni are invited to attend.

"We will have a report on the progress toward an AMA Museum," Saunders said. (see President's Letter on page 2) After the meeting, attendees will be shuttled to the nearby Metro station where they will ride directly to Arlington National Cemetery for the AMA wreath laying ceremonies. Private automobiles are not allowed in the cemetery without special permission (see box below).

"I hope that we will have a big turnout for this once in a lifetime opportunity," said Saunders.

AMA men buried at Arlington

How many AMA alumni are buried at Arlington National Cemetery? As we honor America's unknown heroes, we also plan to honor our AMA brothers who lie there in honored glory.

Listed below are those who we believe to be buried at the nation's most prestigious military cemetery. Do you know of other Augusta men who are interred at Arlington? If so, please contact **Harry Campbell**, '70, at 703/325-5322 days or 540/786-7959 evenings:

Augusta men buried at Arlington Cemetery

- R. Owen Canada, '31
- Hubert Ellenberger, Jr., '41
- Alfred F. Odom, '38
- Ferris L. Wharton, '38
- Peter Warren Schoechle, '61

Many famous Americans are buried at Arlington National Cemetery

Everyone knows that President Kennedy, his brother Robert, and his wife Jacqueline are buried at Arlington. Did you know there is only one other President buried there? William Howard Taft. **General Roller**'s VMI roommate General George Marshall lies at Arlington as do World War II Generals Omar Bradley and Jimmy Doolittle. The Commander of World War I forces was General John J. Pershing. He is buried at Arlington and nearby lies his grandson - Lieutenant Richard Pershing, killed in Vietnam in 1968. The most decorated soldier of World War II, Audie Murphy, is also there.

Marguerite Higgins, the only female correspondent near the front when the Korean War began, now rests at Arlington. The first African-American to become a 4-star general, Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr., is buried there as is Maria Rossi, the first female combat commander to fly in battle, killed in the Gulf War.

Others buried at Arlington include *Apollo 1* crew members Virgil Grissom and Roger Chaffee; William Jennings Bryan; Walter Reed; Admiral Hyman Rickover; Oliver Wendell Holmes; and former Chief Justice Earl Warren. Ira Hayes, one of the brave Marines who helped raise the American flag over Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima, is buried at Arlington. So is Joe Louis, the world heavyweight champion, who enlisted in the Army during World War II.

18,000 graves dotted the hillside home of Robert E. Lee when the Civil War ended. Many of the dead were Confederates. It is easy to pick out the Confederate grave sites because they have pointed, rather than curved, stones. An Arlington legend says the stones were so designed by Southerners to prevent Yankees from sitting on them!

Which sounds very much like the kind of story the **Big Boy** would have liked to tell.

Special car pass available for those needing assistance

Private automobiles are no longer permitted on the Arlington Cemetery grounds, but a special automobile pass can be issued for anyone who is unable to walk from the Visitor Center to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the AMA wreath laying ceremony.

To obtain an automobile pass for 11 October, call **Harry Campbell**, '70, at 703/325-5322 days or 540/786-7959 nights.



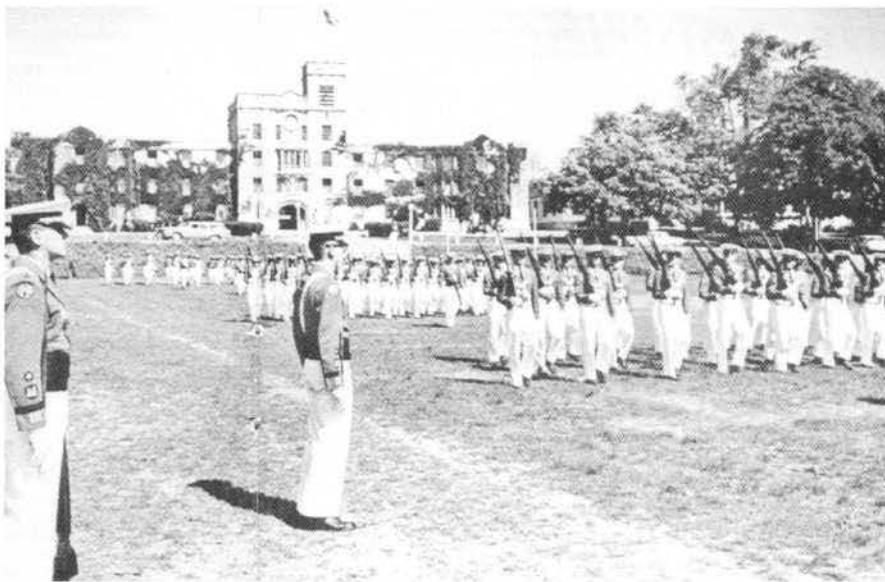
Brett Thompson and John Tyminski take a break during Improvement Day, 1974.



Almost 100 years ago, two cadets play football in front of the old school. The picture was taken in 1899, and the two fellows in the photo are identified as "Riversome, right guard, and Johnson, fullback." Construction work on Big Barracks would not begin for another 16 years.

Augusta Memories...

What's wrong with this picture? Chuck Savedge wanted to get a shot of the Corps passing in review with Big Barracks in the background. Solution? To get the camera angle right when the sun was right, just have the Corps march around the field in the opposite direction from the usual parade. Photo taken in 1961.



← They always complained about the food, but the Mess Hall was still a favorite haunt. The picture at left was taken about 1948 and was made available by Rodgers Huff, '50. See any familiar faces?

← Below, not much different from the 1948 Mess Hall shot, except the chairs appear to be newer and the cadets younger. Can anyone tell us what year this photo was taken?



General Roller holds his great granddaughter Lee Livick in this picture made in May of 1961. At right is Linda Moorman Roller Livick, the General's granddaughter and Colonel Mal Livick's wife.



Roller Rifles in the courtyard. Can anyone tell us what year this was? Can you identify the cadets?



Charles Yon, '29, left, as a cadet and right, in 1944, a lieutenant colonel in the 24th Tank Battalion, 13th Armored Division. Charles lives in Lincoln, CA.

Thank you to all our generous contributors!

These wonderful alumni and friends have contributed generously to the AMA Alumni Association this past year:

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Marvin E. Gordon, 39,
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Heilman, '36 and "Buddy" Cole, '49

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in honor of my mother, Dixie Hope

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in honor of my brother John, '43

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Ronald P. Melcher, '71

John M. Miller, '70

George Mineff, Jr., '77,
in honor of my parents

Noelle B. Nicholson, '75

Steven L. Pearson, '72

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 John A. Russell, '50
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 John Hash, '75
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 and Bruce Haynes, '56
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 in honor of Colonel Deane
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Big Boy's referee job brought an end to college rivalry

Steve Pearson, '72, has uncovered many interesting stories about AMA as he has surfed the net in search of lost Augusta alumni, but few stories can match this one, quoted herewith from the Clemson University website:

"October 30, 1902 - **Charles S. Roller, Jr.**, who was football coach at Furman, was the only referee for the Clemson-South Carolina game. Bronco Armstrong, a famous Yale player and official, was to be the umpire but was in a railroad wreck on the way down and it was impossible to get him to the game in time.

"Not a single penalty was called in the game. A riot between Clemson and South Carolina fans broke out the

night after the game and officials at both colleges called off the series between the two schools. Clemson and USC did not meet again in football until 1909."

As Ed Click, '50, said in his tribute to General Roller at the 1997 reunion, "We don't know whether they ran out of players or ran out of time..."

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Colonel Tom Roller: a friend of youth

Excerpts from the salute to Colonel Thomas J. Roller by Mickey Gordon, '39, at the 1997 reunion

Anyone who earned an AMA diploma before World War II took Latin, a required course, taught by Colonel Tom Roller. And he was "The Colonel."

The Colonel discarded any aspirations he had to pursue a law degree (when) the failing health of his father, Professor Roller, called him home.

Colonel Roller's farm kept the school supplied with lots of good food, but many of us can remember the taste of spring onions in the milk!

Colonel Tom loved to travel and he liked to hunt. He loved the Jersey shore and taking his family to Martha's Vineyard in the summer.

He was a practical joker with his family and friends, often arranging a

rope and pulleys with pots and pans tied outside his house guests'

windows in the middle of the night! The next morning, with a straight face, Colonel Tom would say that he didn't hear a thing.

He may have learned his jokes from his days at AMA. Here in the 1893-94 demerit book, Thomas J. Roller was "Absent from reveille," "late for reveille," "absent from reveille..."

He was well respected in the community. Colonel Tom had character, kindness, understanding and loyalty. He definitely was a friend of youth.

He dedicated his life to teaching young men. He sought to understand the troubles his students might be having and to learn their limitations and their desires.

He was loyal to his God, his country, and to the traditions and ideals of Augusta Military Academy. Colonel Tom Roller was a gentleman.

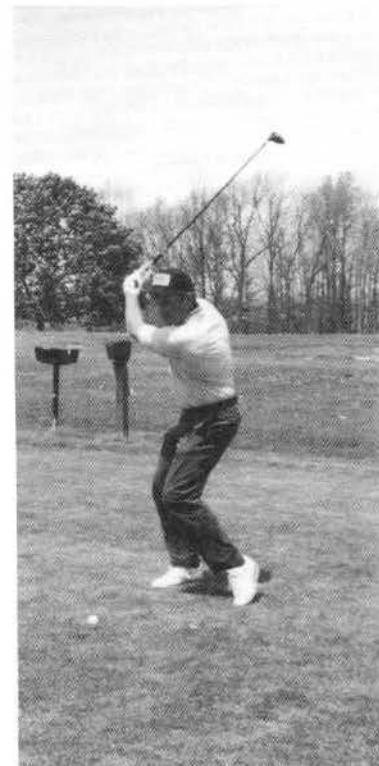


Colonel Thomas J. Roller

bedroom. These guests, unfamiliar with country life, would be startled by rattling pots and pans outside their



Above, alumni gather around Colonel Livick at the Stone Church Cemetery Founder's Day Ceremonies. Left to right, Alan Poole, Jeff Schroeder, Gordon Metz, Colonel Mal Livick, Charlie Smith, Tommy Pressly, and John Botcheller. Metz is from the Class of '68; all the other fellows are from the Class of '67, celebrating their 30th reunion. At the ceremony, Mickey Gordon, '39, paid tribute to Professor Charles Roller, Sr., General Charles Roller, Jr. and Colonel Thomas Roller. AMA Chaplain Bill Gray, '37, read the names of Augusta alumni who had passed away in the last year.



Lewis Kennett, '72, tees off at the annual AMA Open during the 1967 reunion. The golfers played at the Country Club of Staunton.

DID YOU MISS THE 1997 AMA REUNION?
It's not too late to order the PROFESSIONAL video
of the entire reunion weekend! Details on page 23.

SPOTLIGHT on JIM STILLWAGON, '67

When the first ever Vince Lombardi Trophy was announced in 1970 for the best college football lineman in all the land, it was an easy choice for the Lombardi selection committee.

They only had to look toward Columbus, Ohio where **Big Jim Stillwagon**, AMA Class of 1967, had led Ohio State to their second Rose Bowl appearance in 3 years. Not only did Jim win the Lombardi in 1970, he received the Outland Trophy and the Knute Rockne Award, both attesting to his prowess as the best college lineman in the country. Jim still attends the Lombardi Awards banquet every year.

Colonel Livick remembers "the good time when **Ed Clymore**, his son **Danny**, and I traveled to Mount Vernon, Ohio to attend 'Jim Stillwagon Day.' **Woody Hayes**, **Jack Tatum**, and other great Ohio State players all were there."

Brother at Augusta

Jim grew up in Mount Vernon and went to St. Vincent DePaul there for 9 years. "But I didn't get along too well with the nuns," Jim says. His older brother, **Tom Stillwagon**, '62, had helped convince Jim that Augusta was the place for him, so Jim arrived in Fort Defiance in September of 1964, ready for 3 fantastic years as a leader on several AMA athletic teams. Jim made All American prep school player in the Virginia Military League.

"I wasn't that great at basketball," Jim says, "so I gave it up for wrestling. I also played lacrosse under **Major Hart**, played baseball, and ran track." His senior year, Jim was Captain of Headquarters Company and was in the Roller Rifles. He was on the academic privilege list his junior and senior years at AMA.

"Jim made his own impact and footprints, and a big impact it was. With a full scholarship to Ohio State, it is obvious that Jim has been a powerhouse on the football team. Especially fond of the wrestling room for a workout, Rosie really knew how to swing with a record player. As a master of the Mess Hall, the troops toed the mark when he was around. His popularity and ability are unquestioned."

- from the 1967 *Recall*



Jim Stillwagon, '67, receives the first ever Vince Lombardi award from Vice President Agnew at ceremonies in Houston. Mrs. Lombardi stands between Jim and the late Vice President.

Many college offers came Jim's way when he graduated from AMA, particularly from the South. But "when Michigan State started recruiting me, that's when the Big Ten schools got interested." Jim went home to Mount Vernon, visited Ohio State, and Woody Hayes offered him a full scholarship, which he accepted. Not a bad idea, since the Buckeyes went to the Rose Bowl and were national champions in 1968, and returned to the Rose Bowl in Jim's senior year at Ohio State.

The pros come calling

There was no question if Jim would get an offer from the pros. The only question was: Which professional football team would end up with the premium college lineman

for 1970? The 49ers drafted Jim, then traded him to the Redskins who in turn traded him to the Green Bay Packers. But the story doesn't end there.

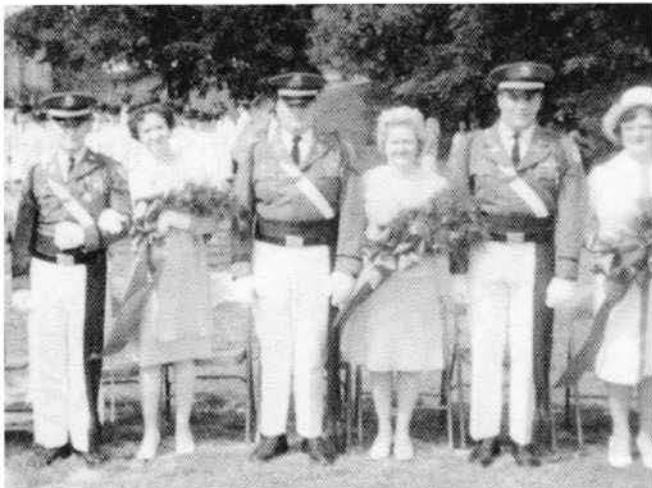
"In the late '60's and '70's, they still had slave labor in pro ball," Jim says. "Once a team signed you, they could pay you what they wanted and do with you whatever they wanted, and you couldn't do anything about it. Except, you could go off to Canada and play in the Canadian Football League."

Which is what Jim did, joining Joe Theismann at the Toronto Argonauts. Jim eventually became co-captain of the Argonaut team and was a perennial All Pro-CFL player for his entire pro career, spanning the years 1971-77. "Would I have preferred to play in the United States? Sure,

but it just didn't work out that way."

Hall of Fame

In 1979, Jim was inducted into the Ohio State Hall of Fame, and in 1991, he became a member of the



Finals, June 1967 - Left to right, Captain Alan Poole, Captain Pete Dogoli, and Captain Jim Stillwagon, and their mothers.

National College Football Hall of Fame. In the hearts of every AMA man, Jim is an Augusta Hall of Famer forever!

After his football days ended, Jim worked for a jewelry company that manufactured class rings for Augusta and countless other schools and universities. After 5 years, he decided to go into business for himself. Today, Stillwagon Enterprises in Hilliard, Ohio has several businesses. The first is a promotional and advertising business dealing in service and sales awards, wearables, and the like. Another of Jim's companies works with inventors: *"I have listened to lots of stories from many inventors, and some of their ideas are actually worthwhile!"* Star Lock Systems, Inc. manufactures high security locks and latches for the vending industry. And Gary Guard, Inc. markets products used for maintenance work in the utility industry.

Family of girls

Jim is on the board of the Open Shelter which takes care of some 120 men each night. *"I also work with the Central Ohio Diabetes Association because one of my daughters is a diabetic."* Jim and his wife Effie have 3 daughters. Nicole, 24, and Angela, 23, are both graduates of Ohio State. Electra, 18, is now attending OSU. The All American Stillwagon family lives in Worthington, Ohio.

"As I sat at the banquet Saturday night during the 1997 reunion, I kept wishing I had a camcorder. Then, I found I could get a professional video of the evening. I ordered it that night... and it is very special to me."

- Rick Small, '67

To order your copy, see details on page 23

Help sought to complete cadet roster

AMA Alumni recordkeeper Ed Click, '50, is seeking your help in completing a roster of every cadet who ever attended AMA.

"I am looking for any rosters or cadet directories from yearbooks of any year 1865 to 1912, 1914, and for all the years after 1975," Click said.

The last *Recall* was published in 1975, and there are no records of cadets after that date. *"The Bayonet dated 27 May 1977 carried names from 1976-77, but it does not appear to be a complete roster. Any help would be appreciated, especially for all the years after 1975."*

You can write Ed at Route 1, Box 12, Fort Defiance, VA 24437, or e-mail him at: Gramps2@juno.com



Stamp honors Roller's roommate

The US Postal Service issued a stamp on 4 June honoring George Catlett Marshall, Chief of Staff of the US Army in World War II, Secretary of State (1947-49), Secretary of Defense (1950-51), winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953, and **General Roller's roommate** at VMI. Both were in the VMI Class of 1901.

Under Marshall's prodding, Congress passed the European Recovery Program to send billions of dollars in aid to war ravaged Europe. President Truman wanted it called "The Marshall Plan" because *"Marshall is the greatest living American, and a program bearing his name instead of mine will do a hell of a lot better in Congress."* 4 June was the 50th Anniversary of the Marshall Plan's adoption by Congress.

Diplomas and transcripts are not available

The Alumni Association still receives requests for transcripts, copies of diplomas, or certificates of attendance or graduation. These things are **NOT** available. The records that did survive 10 years of storage in the abandoned armory do not permit a definitive file search, the mass being equivalent to 100 file cabinet drawers with boxes neither labeled nor indexed.

Many records were simply carried away; there are no known records after 1974. As a private school, Augusta was not required to submit records to any state or county agency, so there is nowhere else to look for any official records.

If anyone has any of the records, either the individual records or the collective "Big Books" that held records of a year or more, their return to the Alumni Association would be much appreciated. Thank you!



Please report deaths and illnesses of AMA Alumni to the AMA Chaplain, Bill Gray, '37.
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Junius B. Baydush, '29
 No details available.

Fernando Acosta, '37
 30 May 1997, in Blue Bell, PA.
 Interred in Liberty, NY. Survived by

his wife, Jean, of 1954 Yorkshire Drive, Blue Bell, PA 19422.

Glen Garvin, '41
 In Fort Lauderdale, FL. No details.

Benedict S. Goldberg, Jr., '42
 5 December 1996, in Palo Alto, CA, at age 73. Movie producer for Lockheed in Burbank and San Jose, CA. Native of Augusta, GA; attended University of North Carolina; Marine in World War II. Graduate of Art Center School of Photography, Los Angeles; Civil War buff. Survived by his wife, Gloria, of Palo Alto; a daughter, Lauren Anthony of Phoenix, AZ; a son, John Tate of Phoenix; and 3 granddaughters.

Edmond D. Baydush, '45
 No details available.

Earl F. Suthard, '51
 October 1996. CW Company. No other details provided.

John Gianitsis, '64
 2 August 1989 in a plane crash near Albany, GA. Corporate pilot. Lived in Sarasota, FL with his wife Cherie and

2 sons, Nicholas and Brian. Information furnished by Cherie's mother, Mrs. Carmel Danner of Sarasota.

Richard W. Platt, '64

18 July 1997 at Fairfax Hospital, of multiple myeloma. Lived in Springfield, VA. Graduated from West Point in 1967; military assignments included White Sands Missile Range, NM, Fort Bliss, TX, Fort Belvoir, VA, Germany and Vietnam. MBA, University of Pennsylvania. Vice President, Anteon Corporation. Survived by his wife, Karen; daughters Elyse Willard, Jennifer and Laura Platt; a son, Wesley; and 2 grandchildren; his parents, Richard and Ella Platt of Mickleton, NJ; and 2 sisters, Gweneth Platt of Wilmington, DE and Kay Platt of Collingswood, NJ

Murray V. Mitchell, '70

Died in a car accident around 1972-73, Havre de Grace, MD. Reported by Chris Hart, '73.

Remember AMA's heroes!
Attend the Arlington Cemetery
ceremony 11 October



At the Saturday night banquet during the 1997 reunion. L. to r., Will Eastment, '70, Jorge Rovirosa, '70, and Garry Granger, '71.

The *Bayonet* is only as good as we AMA alumni make it. We need news, pictures, stories! Please don't forget to send news about yourself or other Augusta alumni to: *The Bayonet*, 1325 Virginia Street, Danville CA 94526-1241. FAX: 510/ 838-0928.

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Bruce Orenstein, '69, left, and former battalion commander Mark "Henry" Femrite, '71, enjoy cigars after a round of golf during the 1997 AMA reunion.

Big Boy: the original irresistible force

Excerpts from the salute to General Charles S. Roller, Jr. by Ed Click, '50, at the 1997 reunion

I knew him as Colonel Roller. I never thought of him as being malicious. I thought of him as being the original irresistible force. He wasn't unmovable. You could go to see him and slobber and whimper a little bit, and you could get around almost anything if you really, really had been a good boy and you were really, really sorry for what you had done wrong.

I think of Abraham Lincoln and his determination to save the Union. Colonel Roller was going to keep AMA going. It didn't make any difference what it took, whatever he needed to do that was honorable he would do to keep Augusta going.

He had an extremely affable personality; he knew people and people liked him. People admired him. He was George Catlett Marshall's roommate

at VMI... and when Cyrus McCue, a faculty member who taught physics,

His friend was George Marshall, who happened to be Chief of Staff of the US Army!



General Charles S. Roller, Jr.

was called into the Army in World War II, then Major Roller wrote a letter to his friend protesting Cy's call to duty.

He had audacity. Cigarettes? "Worse than rattlesnakes." I have seen him walk up to the mother of one of the cadets and take a cigarette out of her mouth and grind it out on the ground in front of the assembled Corps. And no one said, "You can't do that!" Because he could! It was his school.

As far as Charley Roller was concerned, he pretty much did it his way. It was a very, very difficult act to follow.

I loved that old bear; I truly did. The Texas Rangers have a saying: "You can't stop a good man in the right who keeps on coming." I won't say that Charley Roller was always in the right, but he always thought he was right. I loved him for it. He was a great man, the most unforgettable person I have ever met.

PERSONAL EXCHANGE

Help! I have lost the *Recall* for my senior year as well as my Augusta "A" and all my insignia. Now that I have a son, I want to share my Augusta memories with him. Can you help? **Don Harris, '64**

Looking for a sink: Actually, I'm looking for W.G. Sink who gave me a little red dictionary which I still use today. He used to live in Roanoke. **Nick Syropoulos, '69**

Looking for: 1948 *Recall*. Will make donation to AMA Museum if anyone can at least let me borrow a '48 *Recall* for a couple of weeks. **Bob Gruber, '48**

Seeking: My old roomies Brock

Wagner and Ray Capuce. Can you help me? **John Wright, '63**

My Recall was stolen: Soon after I left AMA, my 1969 *Recall* was stolen. Anyone have a replacement for me? **Rex Rumley, '69**

Lost roommate: I am looking for Henry Kirn, '30, my roommate my senior year at AMA. **Jack Woods, '30**

Old Recalls: I have *Recalls* from 1929, 1930 and 1932. I'll offer these to anyone for a generous donation to the AMA Alumni Association. **John Fox, Jr., '53**

Castro has my Recalls! I was at AMA from 1946 until I graduated in 1953. When Castro came to power, I got out of Cuba with only my '52 *Recall*. Anyone have any extras from '46 through '52? **Manuel Balbis, '53**

Needed: pants, both cadet gray and white ducks to complete my uniform. **Luke Snyder, '60**

Seeking: Does anyone know where I can find Otis Davis, '62, Sam Wales, '63, Alvie Dorrington, '62, Grant Weyman, '61, Fred Blankenship, '61, Chuck Kraft, '63, Mike Baston, '63 or Bob Geabeaux, '62? I'd love to find these guys. **Bill "Beep" Horan, '62**

Worth \$100! I lost my 1964 *Recall* in a flood years ago. Do you have one? I'll pay \$100 for a good copy. **Jim Kilgour, '64**

Memories of my Dad: My Dad was Howard M. "Herk" Carter, Jr., '53. Does anyone have pictures, stories or memorabilia about my Daddy? **Christa Jones**. e-mail: cmjones@jaguarsystems.com

1970 Recall: I never got my *Recall* my senior year. Can anyone help? **Jim Piersall, '70**

Can you help any of these folks? If so, contact Ed Click, '50, P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101. e-mail: gramps02@juno.com

Augusta Memories...

Curtis Burt, '45, says "My room was in the Fourth Stoop Tower beneath the flag pole. My second year, I became a 'Busted Aristocrat' for striking the OD during CQ... I thought for sure that **Big Boy** was going to send me home..."

Bob Graber, '48, remembers that "**Major Roller** was appalled that they had dropped that horrible atomic 'bum' on Japan at the end of World War II. We used to bring our food ration books to school during the War..."

Bill Dickinson, '49, attended 7th grade at AMA, then came back to do his last two years of high school. "All my memories of the school are very positive. I loved the place."

Keene Byrd, '59, has "has noticed something special about AMA men; the years don't matter but the shared experiences do... I got a kick out of the guys from '72 out in the hallway (at the reunion) talking and meeting and seeing old friends while the 'old boys' on the inside were straining to hear **Bob Bradford**..."

Luke Snyder, '60, saw **Master Sergeant Wallace** at the 1997 AMA Alumni Reunion. "In my 7 years at Augusta, he was the best dressed military man I ever saw. He wore a small fist type cap and made it point up at the ends. His uniform always was clean and carefully pressed. He stood out from all the others..."

Ray Sanchez, '63, attended AMA from the winter of 1960 through 1963. "I spent a couple of summers at Camp Kanata and lived there in the Spanish Jungle with the rest of the natives... I remember when **General Roller** presented me with a cake one day for my having had a clean room. I'm not sure I earned it, but I did share it with my fellow classmates."

Rick Cazenave, '63, often "played bridge all night with **Major Savedge**... Some of us would sneak out with **Tom Edwards'** junker car that he hid in the teachers' parking lot. The car wouldn't start on its own, so we would have to push it out the front gate to get to Charlottesville for the Bermuda shorts fraternity parties. There, we always parked the car on a hill in case we needed to make a quick getaway."

Don Harris, '64, says he "made many friends at AMA, but did not keep up with them. **Frank Poplaski, Bart Beebus, Pratt** are a few, and the list goes on... I played football, baseball and 'around' at AMA. I had a nickname after Cramers analgesic was put into my jock strap before football practice. The more I sweated, the worse it got."

Lou "Ozzie" Osborne, '65 came back for the 1997 reunion, "the first time I had been back in more than 30 years. It was exciting to visit the Big Room, several of my barracks rooms, the gym where I pinned my opponents in wrestling, and the formation area where I could hear in my mind the BC and company commanders yelling, 'For the last time in my high school career, dismissed!... I will never forget my friends, parades, Sunday evening letter call, and sitting in the Big Room with the **Big Boy** learning to spell words like separate, all right and already..."

Ernie Greene, '66, says he'll "never forget the spiel from **Max Hutton**, the WO-4 who was with the Military Department. Max said that AMA stands for 'A Man Always.' It's a lesson lots of kids could use today."

Frank McClung, '66, asks if anyone "remembers the cold feet the morning all the shoes were 'borrowed?'" "AMA saved me... I played football under Sigler for 2 years (that's 10 calisthenic years). We beat SMA 13-2 and **Dick Crafton** was our center, **Dick Wrenn** was at guard, and **Hensley** was quarterback. **Ed Clymore**, now the Augusta County School Superintendent, was backfield coach... I remember when **Colonel Hoover** said, 'Close the windows tonight, boys. There's going to be a freeze, and you know what frost does to vegetables!'" Frank's uncle, **Adrian Dabney, '51**, also went to AMA.

Jorge Rovirosa, '70, recalls getting the inside of his arm cut by a broken blade that went between his fencing jacket and his skin. "I had to go to a hospital in Staunton to get 25 stitches, and **Colonel Hoover** wanted me to fence one more match before I went to the hospital, even though I was bleeding through my jacket! What a guy!... I really enjoyed **Tim Mannasmith**'s class. He was a tough teacher, but fair..."

Joe Gallehugh, '70 remembers "**Captain Rose** and French class, learning to fence with 'Hoova', 'Coach' **Sassaman** actually scrimmaging with the varsity football team... pulling all nighters to meet a Bayonet deadline, rolling the cannons from the front of Big Barracks to the field behind the building while it was snowing..."



Steve Pearson, '72, says to those who have not been back to an Augusta reunion lately, "There is a magic that you may have forgotten which will reappear. It doesn't matter if you were Battalion Commander, a lifer, a PG student, a private, the 'photo clerk,' or a sports star, the magic is equally distributed!"

Mal Livick: honor, integrity, hard work

Excerpts from the salute to Colonel Malcolm Livick by Jim Mitchell, '76, at the 1997 reunion

As all of us did, I started out as a private, worked my way up to first sergeant, and graduated as a private. I had a rags to riches to rags story, and if I were giving this speech 20 years ago (depending on what semester we were in), I think that Colonel Livick would have liked to grab one of those old Springfields and come after me.

Luckily, Colonel Livick never came after me - with a gun - and I was fortunate enough to graduate from AMA. Since my years at Augusta, I have continued a wonderful relationship with Colonel and Linda Livick, their children, and their grandchildren.

I have beliefs and values that you helped instill in me at AMA, Colonel. Beliefs such as honor, integrity, hard

work and strength of family which are displayed by you and Linda. Colonel

Colonel Tom and General Roller were heroes and icons to all of us, and I treasure their legacy. But Colonel Livick, you were flesh and blood to me. You continue to be one of the single most influential people in my life.

Your vision of AMA is instilled in me, and a week does not go by when I do not reach back to reflect on my experiences at AMA to deal with life's current ups and downs, trials and tribulations.

Thank you, Colonel Livick, for helping me become the man I am today, and for the Americans my children will be tomorrow.

Colonel Livick and Linda Livick - I salute you!



Colonel Mal and Linda Roller Livick

Livick's fabled speeches reaffirm these values, and these same values I try to instill in my children today.

A PROFESSIONAL VIDEO OF THIS PRESENTATION IS AVAILABLE. SEE PAGE 23.

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"We have memories of our Augusta
that no one else on God's earth
can fully fathom or rightly esteem"

The 1997 AMA Reunion honored Colonel Tom Roller,
Major/Colonel/General Charles Roller, Jr.,
and Colonel and Mrs. Mal Livick

"A great reunion! It was touching to me and to all I talked with" - Mark "Henry" Femrite, '71

"The video of the reunion is something I will treasure always. Thank you!" - Hal Walters, '48

"We enjoyed the video of the reunion... memories we'll keep forever." - Colonel Mal Livick

"I just received the video of the 1997 reunion. We thoroughly enjoyed it!" - Alex Wattay, '53

"The reunion program and the video of the program were fantastic!" - Mickey Gordon, '39

"I just watched that wonderful reunion video. Thanks for the memories!" - Hilton Roller Grasty

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